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Red German Prison For a Yank 'Spy'

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East Germany, after holding a 27-year-old American nearly a year, sentenced him yesterday to 15 years' imprisonment on charges that he was an agent for the Central Intelligence Agency.

The official East German news agency, ADN, said an East Berlin court found Peter Feinauer of Providence, R.I., guilty of spying for the American intelligence organization. His arrest Oct. 7, 1966, was kept secret by East Germans and U.S. authorities in West Berlin. His mother, Victoria Feinauer, living

in West Berlin, reported her son's arrest last February.

Told of the charges that alleged her son was a CIA agent, Mrs. Feinauer told a newsman: "Oh, that's crazy." She called his 15-year sentence "a bitter pill to swallow."

A U.S. spokesman in West Berlin said the American mission had no comment. The CIA, in Washington, had no comment.

ADN reported Feinauer had been convicted of espionage, of propaganda endangering the state and of agitation and other unspecified crimes.

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